

## Principal's Corner –April 2019

### Dear Parents and Friends of SHHS:

This is the first year that grade 10 MCAS ELA was completed online, and although we were nervous about technical glitches, most testing went off without a hitch. A big *thank you* to Steve Ziobrowski, our IT Coordinator, for guiding us through the process. Student attendance was excellent, so thank you for motivating your students to arrive to school on time. Kudos to our tenth graders for working so hard! Thanks to Matt Hoagland's coordinated efforts, students were provided with a free breakfast to help them get started on the right track. The next MCAS dates are May 21-24 and June 4-5 (grade 9 Biology), so please mark them in your calendar.

We have a new bench for students to sit on near the cafeteria, thanks to the Class of 1978! The Class also donated several hundred dollars, which was quite generous and greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Cindy Fournier Legare, Cindy Lewis Milewski, and Carla Rigali Fazio, who are shown seated on our new bench below.



SHHS's Unified Sports Team was recognized in a Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools ceremony and was presented a citation for excellence, on behalf of the Massachusetts Senate, for their work to create a school community that is accessible to everyone; where everyone is valued. The Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities affecting systems-wide change. With sports as the foundation, the program brings student athletes with and without intellectual disabilities together and motivates them to create an environment of inclusion and advocacy for students with intellectual disabilities. Thank you to Ryan Bradley for accepting this recognition.

Students in grades 10 and 12 will participate in the SPIFFY survey April 3rd. This survey questions students about risky behaviors, and results are anonymous. This survey is important because it helps to guide our health curriculum and programming at SHHS. Participation is completely voluntary and if you'd like to opt your students out of the survey please email me at [dbonneville@shschools.com](mailto:dbonneville@shschools.com).

The cafeteria does not like to see students go hungry and kindly allows a student to borrow lunch money from them when they have forgotten their money or bagged lunches. This money needs to be repaid the following day, which for the most part, has not been a problem. There are many students who owe a considerable amount of money, and it is time consuming to track down all of these students for reimbursement. Please check in with your student to see that their account is up to date and take care of any deficits as soon as possible. You may call the kitchen at 538-5063 ext. 3753 with any questions.

Also, please remind your students to dress appropriately for school, as the warmer weather approaches. Revealing outfits and short shorts are distracting and inappropriate for the learning environment. Visible undergarments and bare midriffs are also prohibited, as are garments promoting drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. While it can be challenging to find shorts that are appropriate lengths for school, students need to know that beach attire and school attire should differ. Although we recognize that this is an ongoing battle with many teens, we will continue to do our best to enforce appropriate attire.

Graduation is almost here! A reminder that graduation will occur on Friday night, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, rain or shine. Many seniors have senioritis, and have excessive tardies that need to be rectified before graduation by completing community service hours. If your student falls into this category, please encourage them to see me sooner rather than later.

Students who have received '*Student Commendation for Excellence*' for the previous month are eligible for the Students of the Month drawing. We love to recognize students that go the extra mile!

**Student of the Month winners for April are:**

Grade 9: Elise Brumer  
Grade 10: Jermaine Mitchell  
Grade 11: Taylor Jackson  
Grade 12: Clayton Koppi

**Faculty of the Month for April is:**

Paula Lonergan

Respectfully,  
Dr. Diana Bonneville  
Principal